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OPA Daily Digest for 8/21/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) 7/31/13: Coordination of information sharing with citizens group and local residents about cleanup efforts at the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 8/14/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 8/6/13: West Lake Landfill FUSRAP designation. Due: 8/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Loebsack (Iowa) 8/12/13: Concern about the environmental and health impacts of TK Concrete. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Springfield News Leader – Don Halpmeyer – 8/21/13 – Questions about Ozarks Circuits Site removal. Contact: Dianna Whitaker, 7598. (closed).

Iowa Public Radio – Clay Masters – 8/20/13: Interviewed the regional administrator about the advantages and disadvantages of voluntary efforts to reduce nutrient pollution in Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa – Brandon Blue – 8/20/13: Discussed scheduling options of a television interview with the regional administrator in Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Veronique LaCapra – 8/21/13: Questions about public hearing for proposed settlement with Rotary Drilling Supply, Inc., in Crystal City, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Omaha World-Herald - World-Herald editorial: EPA, producers need to cooperate - 8/20/13 - These days, connections between farm activity and effects on the environment

are well known. Certainly, they are no secret to Midlands ag producers.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20130821/NEWS08/130829841/1677>

Cedar Rapids Gazette - Iowa environmental groups push for clean water quality standard - 8/20/13 - Iowa environmental groups filed a request with state officials Tuesday seeking to set water quality standards to protect Iowa's clean water supply, promote public health and preserve recreation at 159 of Iowa's publicly owned lakes. - See more at: <http://thegazette.com/2013/08/20/iowa-environmental-groups-push-for-clean-water-quality-standard/>

The Wichita Eagle - Groups petition state for clean water standards - 8/20/13 - Two environmental groups filed a petition Tuesday with the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission, calling on the state to set measurable water quality standards to clean up Iowa lakes. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/08/20/2953592/groups-petition-state-for-clean.html>

Des Moines Register - Environmental council petitions for new water standards - 8/20/13 - A coalition of environmental groups on Tuesday petitioned the state to set new pollution standards aimed at clearing Iowa's green, algae-frosted lakes. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2013/08/20/environmental-council-petitions-for-new-water-standards/article>

Springfield News-Leader - Blunt bill calls for fuel blend study - 8/20/13 - An Ozark gas station and convenience store served as the backdrop for a lawmaker to promote a bill he says would reduce fuel price spikes. <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20130821/NEWS01/308210003/Blunt-bill-calls-fuel-blend-study>

North Platte Bulletin - Alliance company agrees to pay EPA penalty - 8/20/13 - Vitalix, Inc., of Alliance has agreed to pay a \$39,683 civil penalty to resolve 19 violations of labeling regulations, the Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday. <http://www.northplattebulletin.com/index.asp?show=news&action=readStory&storyID=26151&pageID=29>

Omaha New-Herald - EPA penalizes Illinois manufacturer, Nebraska retailer - 8/20/13 - Authorities say an Illinois pesticide manufacturer and a Nebraska company that sold some misbranded pesticide products have agreed to pay civil penalties for their roles in distributing or selling the products. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20130820/NEWS/130829881/1707>

KTIC-TV - Companies in Illinois, Nebraska to Pay Settlements Totaling \$84,387 for Distribution of Misbranded or Mislabeled Pesticides - 8/20/13 - An Illinois pesticide manufacturer and a Nebraska company that sold some of its fly control products have agreed to pay civil penalties totaling \$84,387 to EPA to settle allegations related to their roles in the distribution or sale of misbranded pesticides. <http://kticradio.com/news/agricultural/index.php?more=ix4xx7dr>

The Wichita Eagle - EPA studies whether vapors moving from Muncie site - 8/20/13 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will investigate whether chemical vapors are migrating from a Muncie Superfund site into as many as 50 nearby homes. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/08/20/2953744/epa-studies-whether-vapors-moving.html>

Maryland Heights Patch - Residents Show Gratitude to Fire Officials Taking a Stance on West Lake Landfill Nuclear Waste - 8/21/13 - Feeling like they have an ally in the fight to remove radioactive waste from the North County area, residents and supports thanks fire officials that stood up and said it needs to be removed from West Lake Landfill. <http://marylandheights.patch.com/groups/around-town/p/residents-show-gratitude-to-fire-officials-taking-a-stance-on-west-lake-landfill-nuclear-waste>

Omaha World-Herald - World-Herald editorial: EPA, producers need to cooperate - 8/21/13 - These days, connections between farm activity and effects on the environment are well known. Certainly, they are no secret to Midlands ag producers. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20130821/NEWS08/130829841>

Park Hills Daily Journal - Board members hear contractor's concerns - 8/21/13 - The North County R-I Board of Education heard from a local contractor about concerns

regarding the EPA's recent announcement of seeking contractors for a remediation project on the high school football field.

http://dailyjournalonline.com/news/local/education/board-members-hear-contractor-s-concerns/article_52865992-0a60-11e3-8cf3-0019bb2963f4.html

North Platte Bulletin - Farm Bureau urges lawmakers to suspend oil spill rule - 8/21/13 - The Nebraska Farm Bureau is urging members of Nebraska's congressional delegation to extend legislation preventing the Environmental Protection Agency from taking enforcement action against farms and ranches under the agency's Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Rule. <http://www.northplattebulletin.com/index.asp?show=news&action=readStory&storyID=26154&pageID=29>

On Earth - Turning Grass into Gas - 8/21/13 - The promise of cellulosic biofuels sounds like a fable out of the Brothers Grimm: turning straw into liquid gold. Or rather, switchgrass into gasoline. It's not magic. The process has been around since the early 1800s, when the chemist Henri Braconnot figured out how to strip sugars from cellulose—the basic building block of all plant life—and refine them into a crude form of ethanol.

<http://www.onearth.org/articles/2013/08/are-cellulosic-biofuels-the-holy-grail-of-green-fuels>

Greenwire - Court requires EPA to review sewage sludge incinerator standards - 8/20/13 - Federal judges today ordered U.S. EPA to more fully justify its methodology for how it set air standards for sewage sludge incinerators.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059986221>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

EPA Removal Action to Begin, Ozark Circuits Site, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri – 8/19/2013 -- Contact: Dianna Whitaker -- x7598.

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events**AWMD**

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

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None

RA/OPA

8/22/13 – Rotary Drilling Supply Inc., RCRA 7003 Administrative Order on Consent public hearing, Crystal City, Mo. Contact: Beckie Himes, 7253

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8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

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8/20-22/13 – Meet with WinnaVegas and Santee Sioux, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products plans, Sloan, Iowa and Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

8/26/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

8/26/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/4-6/13 – Kansas Geological Seminar and meeting with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585